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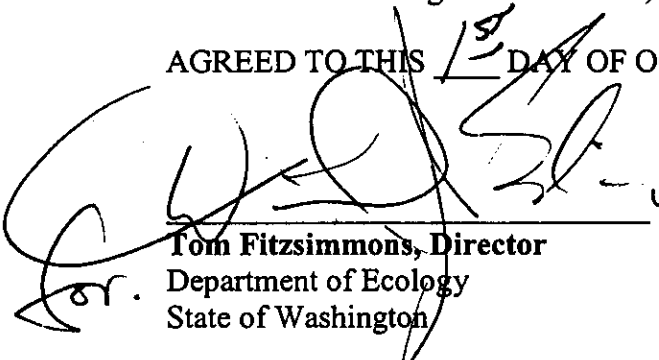
Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order

## Extension of Period for Issuance of Final Determination


On May 24, 1999 the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved their "Agreement In Principle" documenting commitments between the agencies regarding their Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) negotiations.

Negotiations between the Parties have subsequently taken place, but to-date have failed to result in a tentative agreement for release to public comment. The Parties negotiations were initially extended from July 31, 1999 to August 12, 1999, and then suspended through September 17, 1999 in order to allow senior agency management the opportunity to discuss core difficulties. These discussions did not result in final agreement, thereby initiating a 14 day period within which the Director of Ecology is required to issue a Final Determination pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, Paragraph 30 (D).

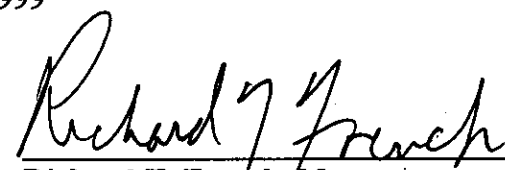
On consideration, and despite the desire of each agency to bring this matter to a close, Ecology, EPA, and DOE agree that additional time for discussion is in the Parties' best interest. Consequently (pursuant to HFFACO Article VIII, paragraph 30 (E)) Ecology EPA and DOE agree to extend the period allotted prior to issuance of a Directors' Final Determination through November 15, 1999.

AGREED TO THIS 15 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1999

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